

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,	:	
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Employer,	:	
	:	Case No. 13-RC-121359
-and-	:	
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COLLEGE ATHLETES PLAYERS	:	
ASSOCIATION (CAPA),	:	
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Petitioner.	:	
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TO: Gary Shinnars
Executive Secretary
National Labor Relations Board
1099 14th Street NW
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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO FILE A BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE

In response to the National Labor Relations Board’s Notice and Invitation to File Briefs in the above captioned matter, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) respectfully requests permission to file an *Amicus Curiae* brief to address issues raised in this case.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a membership-driven organization consisting of over 1,100 colleges, universities, athletic conferences and other affiliated organizations across the country, of which Northwestern University is a member.

A basic purpose of the NCAA is “to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program, and the athlete as an integral part of the student body, and, by so doing, retain a clear line of demarcation between intercollegiate athletics and professional sports.” (Section 1.3.1 NCAA Constitution).

The Regional Director's decision threatens this purpose. It marginalizes the importance of college athletics as an integral part of educational programs; it isolates rather than integrates student-athletes as a fundamental part of the student body; and it undercuts the line of demarcation between intercollegiate athletics and professional sports.

The NCAA, therefore, respectfully requests that the National Labor Relations Board grant the instant request and accept this brief for consideration because the issues raised in the above-captioned matter are of paramount importance to the future of intercollegiate athletics and higher education in the United States.

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Respectfully submitted,

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